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auction during 1961 and 1962 and by leasing to Fishermen Co-operative Societies during 1963 adn 1964 on the average of the accepted bids of auctions held in 1961 and 1962 and that the position should be reviewed thereafter. The President of the Madras State Parvatharajakula Sangham represented to Government in his memorandum, dated 25th February 1961, that as these caused much hardship they should not be given effect to and that the original procedure should be restored. The President also pointed out that prior to the issue of the new orders, some co-operative societies of fishermen had, under instructions from the Director of Fisheries and the District Collectors concerned, deposited the determined lease amounts prior to the date of issue of crders and that in such cases the societies concerned may be permitied to carry on with the fishing operations and that auctions notified in such cases should be stayed.

The Government after careful consideration, issued orders to the effect that in cases where lease amounts have been remitted by the societies prior to the date of issue of orders, that is 31st January 1961, the operation of these orders be given effect to only from the next lease year.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : ஏற்கனவே அமுலில் இருந்த உத்திரவு திடீரென்று ரத்து செய்யப்பட்டதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : பஞ்சாயத்து அமைப்புகளில் மாறுதல் ஏற்பட்டது. அதன் காரணமாக அவைகள் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கவேண்டிய நிலைமையில் இருக்கலாம்.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இதனால் உள்நாட்டு மீனவர்கள் தங்கள் ஜீவாதார உரிமை பறிபோவதாக நினைக்கிறார்கள். இரண்டரை லட்சத்திற்கும் மேலாக உள்ள மீனவர்கள் இதனால் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். எனவே அரசாங்கம் பழைய முறையையே பின்பற்ற யோசிக்குமா?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : அரசாங்கம் இதை நல்ல முறையில் நடத்த பரிசீலனை செய்துகொண்டுதான் இருக்கிறார்கள்.

*South Arcot District Elementary School Teachers' Association*

* 315 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any representation has been received recently by the Government from the South Arcot District Elementary School Teachers' Association in regard to the arrears of increment due from the district board and, if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have issued orders regularising the services of teachers with retrospective effect. No arrears of salaries were, however, allowed in accordance with the usual practice in such cases.

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Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that some of these teachers were given the benefit of retrospective increments and that about 800 teachers are not given that increment, and if so, will the Government re-examine the case?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : My answer was that the Government had issued orders regularising the services of teachers with retrospective effect. Therefore, they should have got the increment with retrospective effect. Only the arrears have not been paid and I am informed that arrears were not paid in any case.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Even the arrears have been paid to 174 teachers. Only the balance of 772 teachers have not been paid the arrears. Have the Government gone into that?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Ordinarily the arrears paid should be recovered. But the payment has been made and we have allowed it to be retained. Simply because there was a mistake in one case, we cannot allow it to be extended to other cases.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Whose fault is it in not regularising the service of the teachers from the date of joining?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have not gone into the records to locate responsibility.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is it the fault of the district board in not regularising their services from the date of their appointment and regularising them at a later date? If so, do not the Government think that the teachers are eligible for their salary? Will they reconsider the matter and order payment of the arrears?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : There are precedents for such cases. Wherever the mistake is, whenever retrospective effect is given for regularisation of services, arrears are not paid and we do not want to create a new precedent.

*Panchayat Elementary Schools*

3-10 p.m. * 316 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the salary for the teachers in the Board and Panchayat Elementary Schools in the taluks of Uthiramerur, Thirukalikundram and Sriperumbudur, Chingleput district, from 1st April 1960 to 1st October 1960 has not been paid; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir. The salaries have been paid.

(*b*) Does not arise.